

Dear Sir

Newfield April 27 1817

I have recd your good letter and was about
to write when your last arrived. I was glad to hear of your recovery,
and that you were back at your old place. Your Mother has not
been well for some time. She got on the ice and hurt her back
and took a severe cold, but she is much better. Jane is still complaining
she has commenced teaching a sewing school in Apr. We had a letter
from David and Lizzy at Montreal. They are both going back to
Scotland this summer. Your Mother intends going by N. York. He
will I hope write you before he goes. We had letters from Bromrose
and Mrs Girshard last week. Mr Rose is dead, also William
and James Cair, Hugh's sons at Newcastle, both of scarlet fever.
James Kempster Junr Maden Mill, is also dead, which is a great
mortality in that quarter, and should be a warning to us all, to prepare
for that solemn event, and not to set our affections, immoderately,
upon earthly things. Trust that you mind your Bible, and a good
Church when in your power, which is the only way in which we
can expect comfort and happiness here or hereafter.

The weather has been favourable for some time, we commenced plough-
ing on the 24th March. All the oat ground is done, and we, yesterday
sowed our wheat. The sugar season has not been good, we have made
only about 16000. We have trenched a nice man of the garden
and planted out 10 barrels of turnips for seed, and if they do
well, intend to do a good deal that way. I am sorry to say
that there is a great death among the birds, very few have flown.
of some of our own sorts, none have taken. The birds have been
bad. We could not select a great many trees now if we had
had them. You must prepare what you can, get us two or three

at we can this spring but there is a great difficulty in getting grafts, there being very few on our own trees that are fit for use. I hope that you will be able to dispose of the government bushes, a very few will do us here in the mean time. John has been working at the summit for a month, putting in a new wheel, he is just finishing his own plans. The wheel is in, and in a short time he will be ready to begin operations. There is great talk of both a great and a small summit being made on the opposite side of the creek to the present summit. Mr Spragg is come to summer, and is to do all the business. Your old friend Mr Scott is very busy in the affair. There is a proposal of erecting another mill by the farmers in shares. There is to be a meeting about it to-morrow. As there will be no want of mills in this locality. The Tailor has some wood prepared for a new house on this side of the Docters. I think that he will be settled here for ever. By last accounts, we were sorry to learn that Grandmother was very poorly, apparently near her end, I expect to hear of her decease before long. Grandfather was wonderfully well.

I am glad to hear that you have made so much progress in the French. By a little attention to the verbs and their terminations in the Grammars you will readily master them. It might be a good plan to buy a new Testament in French. It would assist you in translation. If you were in lower Canada you would get speaking them. I think that Hamilton would be a good place but we must have patience until we get clear men. Shannon is left and gone to Blenheim. One of our cows had 7 lambs yesterday. What did Brega at Hamilton say about the paper? I expected them to be sent free for half a year, we have had the

send us a paper now and then. I am sorry to state that we had to destroy our dogs, on account of hydrophobia. We got much alarmed, and it was lucky that we did so without danger, after being so unfortunate I am very unwilling about having any more of them. I suppose that the pumpkin seed sent, was by the large sort. Could you send in a paper or letter, a small portion of seed of the red top grass? It is much recommended by the State people. It should be a good thing. Baby people are not at present. Mr Bruce, after being constantly inebriated, has joined the Methodists and is becoming a changed man. Write, make inquiry about the carriage to N York in course of the summer.

Write to soon. I remember nothing more of your list. and remains your affectionate Father
In haste

what we can this spring - but there is a great difficulty in

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